

Organization, Powers and Duties of the Plympton Planning Board

Section 1. The Planning Board of the Town of Plympton shall consist of five (5) members to be elected as provided in Section 81A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended.

Section 2. The duties of the Board shall be such as are provided in Sections 81B to 61 G.G. inclusive to Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended, and further to consider, advise upon, and recommend municipal improvements either at the request of other officials, departments or committees of the Town, or upon request of the Town as evidenced by its vote at the Annual or Special Town Meeting, or upon its own initiative.

Section 3. The Board shall meet at regular intervals which shall be at least as frequently as monthly. It shall have access at all times to all public documents, plans, or information in the possession, custody, or control of any Town official, department, board or committee, except as otherwise provided by law.

Section 4. The Board shall examine and review the plans for the exterior of any public building, bridge, monument, memorial, or similar feature or structure, and for the grounds around the same, and may make thereon in writing such recommendations relative thereto as it may deem pertinent and proper.

Section 5. All plans and all Town Meeting Warrant articles providing for:

1. acquiring by purchase, gift, or taking, any land or buildings for public use;
2. selling, abandoning, or leasing any public lands or buildings; or
3. laying out, extending, revising, or discontinuing any portion of any street, way, park, square, or playground shall be referred to the Board for its study and recommendations, and no action shall be taken by the Town until such Board has reported thereon or has allowed forty-five (45) days to elapse after such reference without submitting a report.

Section 6. In addition to holding meetings, the Board may provide for lectures or other educational programs in connection with the performance of its duties, conduct or examinations and studies, and submission of its recommendations relative to any matter properly within the scope of its work.

Section 7. The Board shall approve the names of all new streets and public ways, and all changes of name proposed for any existing street, public way, park, square, or playground, and no sign or marker designating any street, public way or other such public area, shall be ordered or erected until the Board shall have first indicated in writing its approval of the name therefore and filed the same with the Town Clerk.

Section 8. The Board shall render to the Town at the Annual Town Meeting a report in writing, signed by a majority of the members of the Board, which

shall be a public document on file thereafter with the Town Clerk. Said report shall include:

1. a review of the Board's activities during the year immediately preceding the date thereof;
2. a detailed account of any expenditures of the Board's appropriations for the same period;
3. information regarding the condition of the Town and any plans or proposals for its development and estimates of the cost thereof;

4. its recommendations if any supported by reasons, for special projects or studies to be undertaken or commenced in the ensuing year; and
5. such additional information or material as the Board may deem pertinent.

Section 9. The Board of Appeals authorized by and existing under the Town Building Laws shall constitute the Board of Appeals required by Section 81Z of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended.

Section 10. The invalidity of any section or provision of these By-laws shall not effect the validity of any other section or provision thereof.

Vacancy Per MGL Chapter 41 Section 81A

If the members of a planning board are elected, any unexpired term shall be filled by appointment by the board of selectmen and the remainder of the members of the planning board until the next annual election, at which time, such office shall be filled, by election, for the remainder of the unexpired term.